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WEST VIRGINIA HOG INVENTORY

WEST VIRGINIA -- Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, was 11,000 head. This was unchanged from December 1, 2001. Of the 11,000 head, 2,000 were for breeding; unchanged from 2001. The breakdown of the remaining 9,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 3,000 head were under 60 pounds; 3,000 were from 60-119 pounds; 1,000 were from 120-179 pounds; and 2,000 were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 17,500 head, 67 percent above the 2001 pig crop. Sows farrowing from December 2001 through November 2002 totaled 2,200 head, up 47 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 7.95 pigs, up 14 percent from 2001, at 7.00 pigs.

The number of hog operations totaled 1,100, up 100 operations from 2001.

UNITED STATES -- Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, was 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001, and 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

The September-November 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001, and 1 percent less than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.83 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2002-February 2003 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 2 percent above 2001. Intended farrowings for March-May 2003, at 2.85 million sows, are 3 percent below the same period in 2002, and 1 percent below 2001.

The number of hog operations with hogs totaled 75,350 during 2002, down 7 percent from last year and 13 percent below 2000. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 10 percent of the operations and 75 percent of the inventory. This is the first time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled 75 percent or more of the total inventory. The number of operations with over 5,000 head of inventory, at 2,258, accounted for 53 percent of the total inventory, up from 52 percent a year ago. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by these over 5,000 head operations but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

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